and medicines, impact of such cost escalation is being given on the basis of cost data available with the Government and in consultation with BICP which is an Expert body in this matter. the provisions of DPCO 1987 do not provide for any statutory requirement regarding conducting any enquiry and verification of the past import price|new import price and latest consumption for the purpose of fixation|revision of the prices. The prices of drugs revised|fixed from time to time have been notified in the Official Gazette, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Leave petition against M/s. Carews

407. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4606 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th August, 1992 and state :

(a) what are the details of the order of the Calcutta High Court in the case of Combiflam of M|s. Carews ;

(b) what is the position of special leave petition that has been filed and whether the issue of tie-up of M|s. Carews with Mallaya Group is also being examined;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company was never exempted as a small scale unit and if so, what action has been taken against them to market their products without price approval; and

(d) what are the names of products which have been marketed without price approval and what steps have been taken to fix the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Out of the three writ petitions filed by M|s. Carews in Calcutta High Court one was decided in June, 1992 by which the Court had directed that the petitioner should be granted necessary exemption as contemplated in the Notification dated 21-7-1988. The operation of the said order was stayed by the Division Bench vide order dated 18-11-1992 in the appeal filed by the Union of India. The issue of tie-up of M|s. Carews with Mallaya Group is being examined in consultation with the Department of Company Affairs.

(c) The position shall be ascertained and facts shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) As per the price list submitted by the Company in March, 1993 all the scheduled formulations are being marketed at the prices approved by the Government.

Decontrol of Molasses

408. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering decontrol of molasses, a by-product of sugar industry;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that a due share of the enhanced profits that is likely to accrue to the sugar mills on this account would be passed on to the sugarcane producers while fixing the minimum support prices of sugarcane ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) A decision on decontrol of molasses is yet to be taken by the Government.